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A new motorized pile driver or tamper (Ramme) of the Soviet Army which was observed in East Germany is described as follows:

length (total)	About 3 meters
front axle	Twin wheels with a tread the same as a truck
rear axle	Single-wheeled, shorter than the front axle
motor	At the rear of the vehicle
operator's cab	Height about 2.5 meters from the ground, with the front heavily glassed in
ram	In front of the operator's cab, 2 vertical tracks with a rammer; tracks slightly inclined to the rear, presumably adjustable; length of each about 3.5 m.

Comment. A device of this type has not previously been observed. However, the existence of a device which is structurally similar and has a portable crane on a tracked undercarriage is known.

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